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My dear Alexander.

Open into perusal from
the enclosed that I have thought proper
to have an explanation made of Mr
Palk's most ambiguous phraseology.

Many persons came to me to
express a wish that the my father
should have been willing to yield
the free navigation of the Columbia
River.

The Administration stands beautifully
on that question. After having
rejected the British offer it was
proposed to leave the matter to time,
our sure & certain friend. It would
be war he is responsible for the
Calamity of the Country, by the time
it loses about 500 millions of paper
will say with ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~matter~~ as I
wanted. It is important therefore to
be something else & just

Yours truly &c
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